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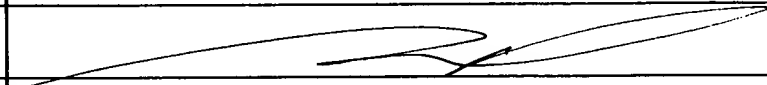
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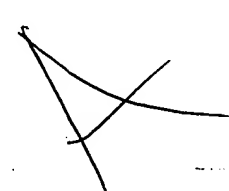
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This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 17, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before March 17, 2002. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS**In the claims:**

A' 1. (Once amended) A composition of matter comprising:
a non-bibulous positively charged substrate; and at least one
water soluble tetrazolium salt on at least one surface of said positively charged substrate.

Cancel claims 2 and 3.

REMARKS UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Claims 1 and 4 to 27 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claims 1-27 were examined and were rejected.

Please replace Claim 1 with the clean version provided above.

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